

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
September 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

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Attendance

Traffic Commission: Ron Arthur (proxy for Joe VanDeventer), James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Judi Maki and Scott Wickersham

Others in Attendance: Suzanne O'Connell (Cedarview Managerment), Ian Patton (Bloomington Transit) and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order (~5:35 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – August 26, 2015. Ms. Maki motioned, and Mr. Batcho seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 6-0.
- III. Communications from Commission** - none
- IV. Public Comment** - none.
- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A. Crosswalk Marking Guidance** - Mr. Robinson said staff has found several guidelines around the country to compare. Using one location as a test, staff found the Boulder, Colorado guide as a good starting point to evaluate crosswalk requests. Staff will next evaluate recent crosswalk requests using the Boulder guide. Mr. Robinson also mentioned that Title 15 amendments are being prepared to bring forward to City Council for their action. These will include recent positive recommendations by the Traffic Commission.
- VI. Old Business** - none
- VII. New Business** –
 - A. On-street parking – revise current spaces along E. 7th Street for Bloomington Transit bus stops.** Staff suggested several bus zones be established that also include moving some of the current stop locations. This will improve safety and accessibility along 7th Street. Mr. Patton said the changes are consistent with meeting the needs for Bloomington Transit. This is a busy corridor that has over 164 bus trips per school day. Commission members agreed these changes are needed and it would improve the existing conditions. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Batcho

seconded, to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. The motion passed 6-0.

- B. On-Street parking configurations discussion:** Mr. Robinson said staff is seeking guidance on the types of on-street parking configurations supported by the Commission. No decision is needed tonight. This is important for new developments seeking to use on-street parking. City policy generally supports on-street parking but does not provide guidance on the appropriate configuration. Mr. Cibor said national trends are moving towards back-in parking and away from angled parking because it is safer. There are national guidelines that look at speed, traffic volumes, and sight distances that help with designing on-street spaces. Mr. Batcho mentioned the safety concerns with angled parking and the blind spots created when backing out into traffic. Several members expressed the need to explore back-in parking options because of the added safety benefits.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

- A. On-street parking - revise the current time regulations for 2 on-street parking spaces located at 1290-1270 N. College Avenue (in front of the Gateway Building) and 1 on-street parking space located at 601 N. College Avenue (in front of the 10th & College Building).** Mr. Robinson provided an overview of the request and Ms. O'Connell explained the 15 minute time restriction was needed to better support the retail businesses at these locations. Mr. Cobine said the meters were installed to improve quicker turnover for parking spaces in the Downtown. Mr. Cibor said ADA parking needs also need to be considered for on-street parking. The consensus of the Commission was to have staff prepare a parking proposal for their October meeting.

IX. Adjournment (~6:35 PM)

Next meeting – October 21, 2015